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Established Arab Policy Has Existed Within, Not Outside, A Peaceful Solution Sphere As Evidenced by the Policy And Make-up of Arab Regimes

The stand of the Arab people today is unique. For the first time in their history, the Arabs have become fully convinced that they alone are in charge of the Cause and that they alone constitute both the Revolution and the Path.

Their extensive sacrifices, trials and tribulations have led them to this conviction which distinguishes their path from that of the Arab regimes.

The regimes are not so much disturbed by the existence of Israel as by the effects this existence has on their own survival. They are well aware that so long as the possibilities of confrontation with Israel persist, the chances for the growth of popular awareness increase. Increasing public awareness will in turn pressure the regimes to effectuate certain changes which they cannot possibly afford since these would threaten the interests of their respective ruling classes.

Advocating the liberation of Palestine necessitates the total commitment of the regimes to a real and genuine revolution, a revolution in which the masses would take their Cause into their own hands, a revolution on the political, economic, social, and cultural levels and a revolution in thought and organization.

Since the regimes do not qualify to undertake such a revolution, they had to resort to the alternate means of bargaining and submission.

Thus, the Arab regimes' attitude towards Israel has been conditioned by their fear of the Arab revolution which was revitalized with the rise of the Palestinian resistance movement.

Reactionary thinking attempts to reverse the picture. It rationalizes by saying that the regimes are sometimes forced to oppose the revolution because they want to devote themselves to fighting Israel. Such flimsy arguments cannot be tolerated today, particularly because the June War of 1967 exposed the level of the Arab regimes' actual preparedness for war. The regimes were in a state of peace with Israel prior to June 5, 1967, and continue today to assume a peaceful role from the practical point of view.

The 'peacefulness' of these regimes is evidenced not only in their open diplomatic efforts and statements on the issue, but also in the fact that since their inception they never committed themselves to the preparation of war. The June War was actually no more than an internal eruption within the policy of peaceful solution which was already in existence, and which continues to exist. What actually happened was that the Arab regimes could no longer control the various complexities of the situation at one time during their political maneuvering. As a result, an unthought and unexpected clash took place, a clash for which they were totally unprepared.

Essentially, the Arab regimes never had any objections to the existence of Israel. They were talking about the implementation of U.N. resolutions, about the rights of the Palestinian people, and -- when going to extremes -- about the difficulty of coexisting with Israel.



MAHMOUD RIAD (SEATED, SECOND FROM RIGHT) AT RHODES SIGNING :

It is therefore misleading to regard the peaceful solution as an agreement which might or might not be signed, or as a sheet of paper which might or might not come forth from Washington or Moscow. The peaceful solution is an existing fact. Its antithesis, which is an expression of its rejection by the Arab people, is fedayeen action and the popular movement in the Arab nation. It is neither negated nor threatened by the unsustained and intrinsically futile wars that the regimes are compelled to wage at one time or the other.

Thus, established Arab policy has existed within, and not outside, the sphere of a peaceful solution, as can be seen from the policy and make-up of the regimes. The exact course of action at this stage is in getting out of the peaceful solution instead of attempting not to enter it.

It is imperative that the true revolutionary comprehend this reality. Otherwise, the Arab regimes could mislead him again or lead him into another defeat by substituting the fraud of a political settlement to the logic of revolution.

The contradiction between the revolution and the regimes did not appear with the appearance of the surrender plans dubbed as plans for a "peaceful settlement." The contradiction has been in existence since the emergence of the Arab regimes in the wake of the defeat of 1948.

Before 1948, Arab countries were ruled by those with inherited privileges and feudalists while foreign control and financial interests were allowed to operate in complete freedom.

The governments which came to power after 1948 claimed to be the remedy for the capitalist, feudal, and foreign forces. These governments later became popularly known as "regimes".

The concept of regimes as identified by the intuition of the masses is more accurate than the definitions and statements of writers and journalists.

By "regimes," the Arab masses do not mean such reactionary governments whose authority they had never even recognized. They mean those which were born in the wake of the 1948 defeat - governments on which all the hopes of the masses were pinned. Disappointment ensued immediately as a result of the behavior of these governments. They accepted to coexist peacefully with Israel, neglected all preparations for war, and presented themselves to world forces as such.

These governments considered the conflict with Israel as a conflict over the rights of the refugees and over territorial boundaries. They tried to mislead the masses with the illusion that it was possible for complete Arab independence to coexist with continued Israeli presence.

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Revolution Alone Negates Existing Peace

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In effect, the imperialist-Zionist empire is an existing fact which has been dominating the area since the creation of Israel. It is sufficient for Israel to exist in one town or to have an accepted presence on any inch of Arab land to forfeit the dignity, gains, unity, and independence of the Arab nation. For in such a situation, every decision, political or non-political, taken by any Arab ruler is conditioned by Israeli whims and the desire to avoid provoking or clashing with the enemy.

Such was the case between 1948 and 1967 and even continuing beyond.

If one reviewed the history of the birth of the Palestinian commando movement at the onset of 1965, or two and a half years prior to the June 1967 War, he would realize that this birth meant a revolution against an existing state of peace, in which all the regimes were participating, with Israel as the party in full control. He would also realize that, since its inception, the Palestinian commando movement entailed an intrinsic, yet explicit, condemnation of all the Arab regimes and their acceptance to coexist with Israel -- an acceptance to which they attributed any counterfeited development which the Arab world may have witnessed, erroneously calling it progress and liberation.

Today, Israel, the imperialist powers and the regimes have viciously joined hands in an attempt to score a new gain for the old policy of peaceful settlement which the Arab regimes had actually never discarded.

The regimes are saying today: "We fought and lost." Some of them say: "We fought without the support of the rest of the Arabs." But the irony remains in the kind of war they had fought!

Some people insist that the present Arab regimes will not henceforth engage the enemy in any significant battle. They support their claim by pointing to the public declarations of the Arab rulers accepting the peaceful settlement and their efforts in that direction.

Such an opinion is wrong because it is based on an inaccurate understanding of the peaceful settlement itself. The peaceful settlement does not merely mean inactivity on the battlefronts, so that an eruption on one front would be sufficient to annul it.

The basic yardstick is commitment to the Palestinian Revolution, which alone constitutes the negation of the existing state of peace.

Every regime which is not committed to the Revolution (there being none committed) is essentially adhering to the policy of peaceful solution, whether this regime had occasionally fought or not.

To resist the Revolution, the regimes shun any major clash with the enemy. However, at times, the interest of the regimes in resisting the revolution might require them to undertake certain military operations. It is imperative that these military operations should not be mistaken as the revolution for liberation or anything remotely resembling it or related to it.

At one time, the regimes told the masses: "Leave Palestine for us, we shall liberate it."

When the Palestinian commando movement was launched in 1964-65, the regimes accused it of premature involvement and even treason.

After June 5, 1967, and following rally of the masses behind the Palestinian commando movement, the regimes changed their tone and claimed: "There is no contradiction. We prepare for war, and let the Palestinian people prepare for revolution."

Today, these regimes are saying: "There is no contradiction. We settle for peace and let the commando movement continue in the revolution."

In fact, the regimes only hope through this regression to ultimately declare that they accept neither classless warfare nor the Palestinian Revolution.

Following their defeat, and in the process of complaining to the Big Powers about "Israel's expansionism," the Arab rulers declared that they had not been preparing for war nor did they have the intention of waging war on Israel. For once, they were telling the truth, and the strongest proof was in the way they fought the war.

What can be concluded from such declarations? Is it that Arab rulers were simply naïve? -- We would be naïve ourselves if we thought so.

It is hardly possible to believe that the Arab regimes had been following all this time the policy of non-preparation for war without taking that into consideration in their relations with the Big Powers. It is hardly possible to believe that they had not reached an indirect understanding on this policy with these powers, the payoff being some imperialist truce or assistance. It follows then that the policy of non-preparation for war was not only that of Arab rulers, but it was also foreign-inspired.

In implementing this policy, the Arab rulers employed the resources and means which imperialism placed at their disposal. These forces and tools were essential to them in concealing their policy primarily based on conspiring against the basic demand of the Arab people: the liberation of Palestine.

It was also necessary for these Arab regimes to create an alliance amongst themselves. Such an alliance of the regimes was a reality with which the regimes confronted the Arab revolution, reborn with the Palestinian Resistance Movement. The bonds of this alliance were tightened as the threat of the Arab revolution mounted and vice versa. The alliance of regimes reached its apex with the rise of the Palestinian Resistance Movement. This is because the commando movement supplied the Arab revolution with the most effective methodology, a compass always pointing toward Palestine, and an accurate set of priorities. All these served as a unifying catalyst among the regimes.

Following the defeat and the cease-fire of the June War, the regimes drew closer together, to the point where they became branches of the same regime.

The roles of the various "Arab branches" in this greater Arab regime will not be identical in implementing the latest American proposals for liquidating the Palestine cause. The role of some would be to accept them openly, others would remain tightlipped, while still others would attempt a feable show of opposition.

Since the "regime" comprises several countries, the "play" should be "produced" smartly and in phases.

The important thing, for this greater Arab regime is to arrive at a new position within the policy of peaceful solution from which it can move to crack down on the Arab revolution and its more fertile seeds within the Palestinian commando movement.

The past 22 years of peaceful passiveness have left a marked influence on a large segment of our nation, including the classes on whose shoulders the responsibility of launching the Arab Revolution rests.

Hence it is impossible to break through the existing vicious circle of "peace" without an open confrontation with the American proposals -- a confrontation that would rise to the level of the battle of destiny.

This entails the following imperatives:

1. Full awareness on our part of the nature of the ensuing struggle as a comprehensive and popular Arab battle in which the whole Arab people in all Arab countries should take part.

2. Identification of the friends and enemies of the Revolution, and accurate knowledge of the position of world and local powers, regimes, and individuals.

3. Thorough study and analysis of the methods employed by the sponsors and proponents of the new "peace plan" to implement it so as to be able to foil it.

4. Awareness of the possibility of the birth of a fascist mentality at this stage and the efforts which will be exerted by the Arab regimes to encourage it and nurse it.

5. Realization of the fact that the commando movement henceforth cannot continue to be exclusively Palestinian. Hence the new stage which the Arab nation is now entering is one of the historical stages which most require its spirit of dedication and awareness. The external and internal enemies of the Revolution are massing against it, burying all their differences. The Big Powers' awareness of the serious implications and consequences of the present battle draws them into an unprecedented unity. Many might be tempted to acquiesce. But the question is not merely one of foiling criminal US imperialist proposals. It is one of paving the road for the whole Arab nation to discard the "peaceful-solution-mentality" in which it has been engulfed by the regimes for 22 long years.

Iraqi Troops Are Placed at Disposal Of the Revolution

BAGHDAD- Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Fatah's official spokesman, concluded Aug. 19 a three-day successful visit here for talks with Iraqi officials.

The PLO delegation led by Arafat held its final meeting with the National Command of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party Aug. 18.

The talks centered around the rejection by Palestinian and other Arab masses of Security Council Resolution 242 in all its forms and manners of application, including the Rogers Plan.

Arafat said the talks were "at the level required by the interest of the Palestinian Revolution and the will of the Arab masses in refusing any type of surrender and in adhering to armed struggle until victory--whatever the sacrifices."

Arafat's trip to Baghdad was part of a series of visits to Arab capitals to whip up Arab opposition to the US peace fraud. Arafat had made a similar trip to Damascus earlier in August.

The Palestinian Revolution as well as Iraq, Syria, Algeria and South Yemen have denounced the peaceful sellout.

Iraq has also placed its troops stationed in Jordan at the disposal of the Palestinian Revolution.

A team representing the Kurdish Democratic Party in Iraq also conveyed to the Palestinian delegation the support of Mullah Mustafa Barzani and the Kurdish people to the Pales-

tinian struggle for national liberation.

The delegation invited the Kurdistan Democratic Party to take part in the extraordinary session of the Palestine National Congress due to be held in the Wahdat Camp in Amman in late August.

Before making the trip to Baghdad, Fatah's official spokesman said in Amman Aug. 16 four Jordanian army brigades were besieging Amman as a prelude to a crackdown on the commandos.

"But we shall turn Jordan into a graveyard for plotters. We are gladly willing to let them try their luck," Arafat said in a speech at a graduation ceremony of a new group of commando fighters.

He drew loud applause and cheers when he added: "Amman shall be the Hanoi of the Middle East."

Arafat renewed his rejection of any peaceful settlement resulting from the current ceasefire in the Middle East. "Our guns will shatter the ceasefire and the peace talks," he added.

Commando attacks in occupied territory have been escalated since the ceasefire between Egypt and Israel went into effect Aug. 7-8.

Prior to Arafat's announcement of the siege, independent eye-witnesses confirmed the movement of armor from the front to positions around Amman.

Three artillery battalions were also moved from the Jordan-Israel front Aug. 15 into strategic positions around the Jordanian capital.

"The principle of free choice for the refugees to resettle or compensation is irrevocable with Israel's existence, security and character."

Golda Meir

Speech to Knesset, Aug. 4



PLO-IRAQI TALKS IN BAGHDAD

SYRIAN GENERAL:

THE ENEMY HAS REJOICED OVER THE US INITIATIVE

DAMASCUS- Syria's first deputy defense minister and army chief of staff has called on the Arabs to reject the latest United States' submissive political proposals, which he described as a new link in the conspiracy against the Arab states.

In an article published August 12 in the ruling Baath party's newspaper "Al-Baath", he quoted Chairman Mao Tse-tung

PLO Team In Morocco

CASABLANCA- A Palestinian delegation headed by Hussein Khattabi member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Executive Committee, arrived here August 3.

Khattabi said on arrival the delegation planned to inform King Hassan and the Moroccan government of the exact position of Palestinians with regard to the U.S.-sponsored submissive plan to liquidate the Palestine cause which has been accepted by most Arab regimes and Israel.

He said that as far as the Palestinians were concerned the only possible settlement in the present situation was to continue the struggle until Palestine was liberated.

as saying one had to see the enemy's reaction in order to judge if one's attitude was right.

"The Zionist enemy has rejoiced over the American initiative

and the Arabs have no alternative but to reject it categorically in order to prevent the imposition of sur- render on the Arab nation", Gen. Elias said.

NLF Cables Support

To Palestine Struggle

AMMAN- Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), received August 6 a cable of support from Kaid Ahmed, leader of the Algerian ruling National Liberation Front,

In his cable the leader of the Algerian National Liberation Front said the recent American initiative for a Middle East settlement realizes the ambitions of imperialism and Zionism, at the expense of the Palestinian people.

Algeria Withdraws From Suez in Protest

ALGIERS- Algeria is withdrawing the estimated 2,000 troops which it has stationed along the Suez Canal front for the past three years.

The move follows acceptance by the UAR and Israel of a "Middle East Munich"

which Algeria disapproves as a flagrant plot attempting to liquidate the Palestine resistance movement.

The authoritative Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram" reported Aug. 12 that Egypt had agreed to the withdrawal.

AL-FATEH

Palestine Emissaries Visit China, Vietnam and Korea

AMMAN- An emissary of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) left here Aug. 10 enroute to China, Vietnam and North Korea to coordinate efforts to thwart the latest US submissive "peace" proposals to liquidate the Palestinian Revolution.

The proposals have been accepted by most Arab regimes and Israel.

The envoy carries important messages from Yasser Arafat (Abu Ammar), PLO Central Committee chairman and official spokesman of Fatah, to the leaders of the three countries.

The trip is part of all-out efforts to foil the new conspiracy led by the two superpowers.

China's response to the "political fraud" has been stepped up condemnations of Soviet-American collusion and renewed pledges of support for continued armed struggle.

The latest Chinese statement on the political fraud was voiced Aug. 5 by Vice President Tung Pi-Wu, who said: "The United States with Soviet help recently dished up a political initiative for a so-called peaceful settlement which is really aimed at splitting the Arab countries and stam-

ping out the revolutionary struggles of the Palestinian and other peoples."

He reported that the PLO, which groups all Palestinian commando organizations, has rejected the submissive plan and "the Arab peoples who persist in fighting aggression are rising one after another in response."

Peking has repeatedly warned that America is seeking to impose a "Middle East Munich". It has condemned the "plot to make the Arab people lay down their arms and give up their

just cause of national liberation."

Three months ago, in May, Chinese Premier Chou-En Lai wrote Arafat saying:

"Your struggle is a just struggle enjoying the support of revolutionary peoples throughout the world.

China, with its people and government, supports your struggle indefatigably and persistently. We stand by you always and forever. We are firmly convinced that the Palestinian people and other Arab peoples engaged in the revolutionary struggle against imperialism

will certainly be able--through perseverance in unity and the long-term popular war--to overcome obstacles on their path, to crush all the enemy's plots and intrigues, to repulse the aggressors and to achieve complete victory."

Meanwhile, Vietnam's main newspaper "Nhan Dan" rapped Aug. 12 the Rogers Plan, insisting the problem could only be solved on the basis of respect for the Palestinian's national right.

Nhan Dan assailed the Middle East peace plan as an "extremely perfidious" maneuver by U.S. imperialists.

A commentary quoted by Radio Hanoi, said the U.S. ceasefire proposals offered conditions for Israel to increase its strength to attack the Arab countries in case a political solution favorable to the U.S. and Israel cannot be reached.

With the proposals the U.S. also aimed to weaken the revolution waged by the people of the Arab countries and to stamp out the national liberation movement of the Palestinian people, the paper stated.

PRICE FOR SUEZ PEACE

GAZA- Big number of Israeli tanks and troops poured into occupied Gaza from Sinai in the wake of US-sponsored Egyptian-Israeli ceasefire which went into effect along the Suez Canal at the Aug. 7-8 midnight.

On Aug. 13, five days after the ceasefire along the Suez Canal, Israeli tanks and military vehicles crowded all of Gaza's crossroads and public squares in a desperate attempt to quell Palestinian resistance there.

SOLIDARITY

PENANG- Malaysia - A Malaysia-Palestine solidarity organization is to be formed Aug. 23 to make known the case of the Palestinian struggle for national liberation and the establishment of a democratic state in Palestine.

The chairman of the organization's Ad Hoc committee S.M. Mohamed Idrus, said Aug. 10 that the organization would express solidarity with the Palestinians and provide moral and material support for their freedom fighters.

ALBANIA PLEDGES SUPPORT

TIRANA- Albania has officially denounced the Rogers Plan as an imperialist conspiracy against the Palestinian people struggling for national liberation.

Albania also pledged to a visiting Fatah delegation complete support to the Palestinian Revolution and its objective to establish a democratic state in Palestine.

The Fatah delegation was led by Abu Jihad.



Onions for Breakfast

In the Gaza Strip, some Palestinian refugees doubt whether the United States is sincerely behind a solution for their problem.

"Before getting optimistic or pessimistic, I want to see if America will help settle our problem," said one.

"There say the Americans have no right to propose peace settlements."

"The Fatah command in the fighting, and only they have the right to make peace plans," says a spokesperson.

The Palestinians say they have been refugees for 22 years and deserve a fair settlement. In the crowded refugee camp of Gaza, an old Arab proverb is heard.

"We fast the whole night through, and then still we get only a piece of onion for breakfast!"

The Associated Press
Dateline: Jerusalem, Aug. 6

China Denounces Political Fraud

Concocted by the 'Superpowers'

But U.S. imperialism is not reconciled to its defeat. While conducting a deathbed struggle, it always resorts alternately to the counter-revolutionary dual tactics of military suppression and political deception to deal with the revolutionary people of the world. At present, the development of the situation in the Middle East attracts the attention of the people of the whole world. Not long ago, with the coordination of social-imperialism, U.S. imperialism again dashed up a "political initiative" for a so-called peaceful settlement of the Middle East question, wildly attempting to split the Arab countries and stamp out the revolutionary struggles of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples. In face of this new plot of U.S. imperialism, the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization has issued a solemn and just statement, and the Arab peoples who persist in fighting aggression are rising one after another in response. A new upsurge of struggle against U.S.-Israeli aggression is emerging.

The Chinese Government and people firmly denounce the political fraud jointly concocted by the so-called "superpowers" for a so-called peaceful settle-

ment of the Middle East question. The purpose of these powers is entirely to abet Israeli aggression, stamp out the revolutionary flames of the Arab people, put the Arab countries under their control and redivide spheres of influence in the Middle East. The Chinese Government and people firmly support the Palestinian and other Arab peoples in their just struggle against U.S.-Israeli aggression and for the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

For many centuries, the Middle East has been an arena of contention between the imperialist powers. Times have changed now, the Arab people have taken up arms, and no matter how many twists and turns they will yet get through, they will certainly win victory so long as they persevere in protracted armed struggle and revolutionary struggle. In the final analysis, it is not the so-called "superpowers," but the Palestinian and other Arab peoples persevering in struggle, who will decide the destiny of the Middle East. The prospects of revolution are infinitely bright before the Palestinian and other Arab peoples.

CEYLON COMMUNIST PARTY RAPS THE SELLOUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

In a statement released to the press, the Central Committee of the Ceylon Communist Party has condemned the sell-out in the Middle East that is being attempted through the American "peace plan" which has been jointly sponsored by US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism. This is an attempt to smother the flames of resistance and liberation of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples against US imperialism and its Zionist creation, Israel.

Both US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism had worked long and carefully over this plan. While US imperialism openly armed Israel and developed it as its clientele state, Soviet social-imperialism did likewise with Egypt. Under the sham pretence of aiding the Arab people to fight Israel, Soviet social-imperialism poured arms and personnel into Egypt and obtained a crippling control over the defence system of Egypt.

Having created this situation, Soviet social-imperialism played its usual role of acting as a fire brigade putting out the flames of national liberation. Colluding with US imperialism to put out the fires of national liberation of the Arab peoples, Soviet social-imperialists summoned Egypt's Nasar to Moscow and forced him to accept the American "peace proposal."

But all to no purpose. The Vietnamese problem could not be solved at the "peace table" at Paris. It can only be solved in the battle fields of Vietnam. Likewise, the problem of the liberation of Palestine cannot be solved by "peace talks." It can only be solved by means of the armed struggle which has been initiated by the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Al-Fatah).

We whole-heartedly hail and applaud the decision of the Palestine Liberation Or-

ganization and the Palestine National Liberation Movement (Al-Fatah) not to accept the American "peace proposals" and not to lay down their arms. The road of revolution is never a straight one. It is full of twists and turns. But it leads to ultimate victory if we persist in that road and use correct tactics.

The Palestinian liberation movement may have to undergo temporary difficulties. But they will win because their decision is correct, their cause is just and they enjoy the whole-hearted support of all revolutionaries throughout the world. In particular, they enjoy the unstinted support of the mighty People's Republic of China, headed by the greatest Marxist-Leninist of our era, Comrade Mao Tsetung.

But the peoples of the world as well as the Palestinian and other Arab peoples must learn the correct lessons from these events. Just as

they have learned to identify US imperialism as enemy No. 1 of the peoples of the world, they must also learn to identify Soviet social-imperialism as the greatest betrayers of the working class and national liberation movements all over the world. Just as they must learn to identify and isolate the main enemy, they must also learn to identify false friends and learn not to be deceived by them.

We condemn the attempt of US imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism to put out the flames of national resistance of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples by means of the fraud of a "peace plan". We support the decision of the Palestine Liberation Movement (Al-Fatah) not to accept the "peace proposals" and not to lay down arms.

We wish the Palestinian and other Arab peoples victory in their just struggle to liberate Palestine and eliminate the imperialist nest of Israel.

Peking, Aden Support Palestine Struggle

PEKING- In a joint communique broadcast in Aden and Peking Aug. 14, Southern Yemen and China announced their full support for the Palestinian and other Arab peoples in their struggle against U.S. imperialism and Israeli Zionism.

They denounced "U.S. stress to arrange a peace solution as a plot toward the Mideast issue."

The statement said both sides had extensive talks to increase and develop friendship and cooperation between the two states.

Both sides expressed their resolute support for the peoples of Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia against U.S. aggression.

The two sides consider the struggle of the Palestinians and other Arab peoples as an integral part of the world-wide anti-imperialist struggle and stress in the long term a peoples war is the only way for the Palestinian people to defeat imperialism and Zionism.

Both sides expressed support for the Popular Front for Liberation of the Arabian Gulf and firm support to revolutionary struggles waged by Afro-Asian and Latin-American peoples.



U.S. Imperialism and Partner Redouble Efforts To Plot a 'Munich' in the Middle East

U.S. imperialism and its partner are making every effort to plot a "Munich" in the Middle East. The aim behind the plot of these "superpowers" is to realize their fond dream of dividing the spheres of influence in the Middle East between themselves at the expense of the interests of the Palestinian people. The scheme has aroused strong condemnation and resolute opposition by the 100 million Arab people.

After prolonged closed-door bargaining with its partner, U.S. imperialism dashed up a so-called "political initiative" through U.S. Secretary of State Rogers on June 19 for the solution of the Middle East question. This was submitted to the Soviet Union, Britain, France, Israel and some Arab countries. According to a USIS dispatch on July 22, U.S. imperialism's "political initiative" stipulates first of all that the Arab countries and Israel "subscribe to a restoration of the ceasefire" for a "limited period" of three months. It also stipulates that the Arab countries and Israel should agree to "hold discussions" and "reach agreement on the establishment of a just and lasting peace between them" under the auspices of the U.N., "special envoy" Jarring in accordance with the November 22, 1967 "resolution" of the U.N. Security Council. Besides, the "initiative" requires the Arab countries to acknowledge the "sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence" of Israel. At his press conference on June 25, Rogers trumpeted that his "political initiative" was "to encourage the parties to stop shooting and start talking under the auspices of Ambassador Jarring in accordance with the resolutions of the Security Council." He even stated in a threatening tone that "the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Israel is very important for our national interest."

In his so-called "political initiative," Rogers deliberately obliterated the distinction between the aggressor and the victim of aggression. This is in essence a plot to make the Arab people lay down their arms and give up their just cause of national liberation, and to force the Arab countries to resign themselves to national humiliation, abandon their struggle against the U.S.-Israeli aggressors and recognize the U.S.-Israeli base of aggression in the Middle East. Therefore it is an out-and-out plot for a Middle East "Munich" at the expense of the interests of the Palestinian people and the Arab countries.

With a view to coercing social-imperialism to lend a hand in his machination, U.S. imperialist chieftain Nixon bellowed out threats in his July 1 television speech: "The Middle East is now terribly dangerous. It is like the Balkans before World War I." He absurdly compared the situation in the Middle East today to that in the Balkans more than 50 years ago in a deliberate attempt to exaggerate the dangers of a so-called "confrontation" between the "superpowers". Moreover, he made a ballyhoo about the so-called "balance of forces," or the hegemony of big powers, a hoax which has long since gone bankrupt, urging that the two "superpowers" maintain the balance of power in the Middle East. He raved that "once the balance of power shifts" to the disadvantage of Israel, "there will be a war." On July 12, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco went a step further with the claim that "we are going to do whatever is necessary to assure that no reliance does not tip against Israel" and that if the U.S. "political initiative" was rejected, U.S. imperialism would support Israel "at an escalated level" in its war of aggression against the Arab countries.

Since the "political initiative" was put forward by U.S. imperialism, certain people of another so-called "superpower" have made busy behind-the-scenes contacts with U.S. imperialism, cooking up schemes and engaging in other activities with ulterior motives. These types have helped U.S. imperialism in putting the pressure on the Arab countries. They have instructed their propaganda machines to grind out counter-revolutionary trash lauding the "general tenor" of the "political initiative" proposed by U.S. imperialism for being "close to the legitimate aspirations of the Arab countries." Harping on the same tune of U.S. imperialism, they even said that "time has come to . . . get down to serious efforts to bring about a political settlement." While making "serious efforts" to help U.S. im-

perialism peddle the fraudulent "political initiative", these fellows have buried their fangs and raised false charges on the Palestinian guerrillas who take a firm stand against the plot of the "political initiative". They even viciously slandered in their newspaper the revolutionary struggle of the Palestinian guerrillas as "irresponsible adventurous freakishness". Afraid of U.S. imperialism and still more of revolution, they have been ganging up with U.S. imperialism in many foul and dirty schemes, betraying the interests of the Arab people and undermining the armed struggle of the Palestinian people. Today, the Palestinian and other Arab people are heightening their vigilance and watching what more dirty counter-revolutionary deals they are striking with the U.S. imperialists in their plot for a Middle East "Munich".

But times are not the times of "Munich" over 30 years ago. To this Middle East "Munich" plotted by U.S. imperialism and its partner, *Fateh*, organ of the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has given a powerful reply: "No." A struggle against compromise, capitulation and the plot for a Middle East "Munich" is developing vigorously. The angry denunciations by the awakened Arab people against Rogers' "political initiative" are resounding all over the Arab land. The Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization solemnly declared in a statement on July 25 that the Palestinian people will not be bound by a ceasefire and lay down their arms, but will continue the armed struggle till victory. The statement indignantly denounced Rogers' "political initiative" for aiming at undermining the unity of the Arab people and suppressing and liquidating the Arab liberation movement in general, and the Palestinian resistance movement in particular. It categorically rejected Rogers' "political initiative" and declared: "Down with all liquidationist and capitulationist solutions!" In a July 25 statement, a spokesman of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council said: "The Revolutionary Command Council reiterates its definite rejection of all projects that are aimed at liquidating the Palestine question and the Palestinian people's right to return to their land, particularly the recent U.S. proposals." On the same day, Haderl Mourad, Commander of the Syrian People's Army, pointed out: Rogers' "political initiative" is a link in the chain of conspiracies against the Palestinian cause. The Syrian people, he said, are ready to wage a decisive struggle against the U.S. and Israeli aggressors. In a statement to the press in Beirut on July 27, Syrian Minister of the Interior Mohammed Rabah al Taweed announced Syria's outright rejection of the American proposals. *El Moudjahid*, the Palestinian paper, said in an editorial on the same day that "from now on, that every point of the 'Rogers' plan" runs counter to the interests of the Arab nation and the majority of the Arab people. In general and the Palestinian people in particular, in Jordan, capital of Jordan, more than 10,000 people held a demonstration on the same day. They shouted in one voice against Rogers' "political initiative" as well as the 1967 "resolution" of the U.N. Security Council. Their placards bore inscriptions resolutely supporting the Palestinian people's armed struggle and calling for the smashing of all "political settlement" schemes which betray the interests of the Palestinian and Arab people. Palestinian commanders who took part in the demonstration declared on their banners: "The guns of our fighters will determine the fate of the Palestinian people."

The Palestinian and other Arab people are determined to persist in their armed struggle against the U.S.-Israeli aggressors. They do not fear the war intimidation by U.S. imperialism and its partner, still less do they give credence to their political deception. The great revolutionary struggles of the Palestinian and other Arab people against the U.S.-Israeli aggressors are surging forward wave upon wave. The plot of a Middle East "Munich" will be hatched by one or two "superpowers" is bound to be crushed by the 100 million Arab peoples.

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CHINA PLEDGES FULL AID

BAGHDAD - China pledged Aug. 19 to extend unlimited aid to the Palestinian commands, Baghdad Radio reported.

The Chinese promise was conveyed to PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat by the Chinese charge d'affaires in the Iraqi capital the radio added.

The Chinese diplomat asked to meet Arafat shortly before the latter's return to Amman later Aug. 19 from two days of talks with Iraqi government leaders the radio said.

The charge d'affaires was quoted by the radio as assuring Arafat of China's absolute backing for the commands in their struggle against Israel and the current US-sponsored "Middle East -Munich".

The Chinese move was the first evident result of a current visit to Peking by a Palestinian delegation.

Baghdad Radio said Arafat would soon visit Lebanon, Sudan, Libya and Algeria.

Fateh Delegates In Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR - A three-man Fateh delegation called on Prime Minister Tun Abdul Rahman and Deputy Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak Aug. 6, seeking continued support for the Palestinian struggle for national liberation.

The leader of the delegation, Abu Ghassan, said in a statement that Tun had assured Fateh of continued support.

The delegation presented the prime minister with a Fateh shield.

WORLD CONFERENCE IN JAPAN SUPPORTS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, RAPS NUCLEAR ARMAMENT AND PRESSES FOR OKINAWA

The 16th World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo) resolved in Tokyo on August 3 to undauntedly support the heroic struggle of the peoples of Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Palestine, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique and Angola.

It resolved to "support the struggle of the Palestine people in all forms including armed struggle to return to their fatherland and for the right to self-determination."

The conference opposed the nuclear and missile arming of Japan and West Germany and demanded abrogation of the Japan-US Security Treaty and the immediate, unconditional and total return of Okinawa free from nuclear weapons, bases and poison gases.

Held in Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, July 29-August 9, the 16th World Conference was attended by 51 representatives from 12 countries and six international organizations, as well as 10,000 Japanese delegates.

Representing Palestine at the conference was Anwar Abdel Rahman of the Palestine National Liberation Movement, Fateh.

The conference strongly denounced the US imperialist policy of aggressive warfare, oppression and nuclear blackmail in all parts of the world, and especially in Asia-- Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Korea.

The conference confirmed that it is imperative to usher in an era that will offer prospects for ensuring the prevention of nuclear war and the complete prohibition of nuclear weapons and for frustrating the policy of aggression and oppression, and that the door to this new era can be opened by achieving firm solidarity and unity of the peoples of the world.

The conference received ardent messages of support from His Excellency Pham Van Dong, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam; His Excellency Huyn Tan Phat, President of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam; His Highness Souphanouvong, Chairman of the Central Committee of Lao Patriotic Front; His Highness Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of the Kingdom of Cambodia and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea; His Excellency Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado, President of the Republic of Cuba; His Excellency Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr, President of the Republic of Iraq; His Excellency Nicolae Ceausescu, President of the State Council of the Socialist Republic of Romania; Maj. Gen. Ja'afer Mohamed Nimeri, President of the Command Council of the Revolution and Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan; Mr. Agostinho Neto, President of the Central Committee of the Popular Movement for Liberation of Angola (MPLA); and Mr. Yassir Arafat, official spokesman of the Palestine National Liberation Movement, Fateh.

Arafat's message acquainted the conferees with the armed struggle of the Palestinians for national liberation and the establishment, in Palestine, of a democratic state where Palestinian Jews, Christians and Moslems would enjoy equal rights and obligations.

The Palestinian Revolution, read Arafat's message, is an integral part of the world liberation movements struggling against world imperialism and neo-colonialism in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The message expressed full support for the struggle of the Japanese people against U.S. military presence in Japan and for the restitution of Okinawa to the Japanese people.

While in Tokyo, the Fateh delegates to the 16th World Conference held a 150-minute press conference on the Palestinian struggle for national liberation which was attended by about 50 Japanese reporters.





**G.U.P.S.
Opens
International
Summer
Work Camp
In Jordan**





Following Harassment

GUPS TO HOLD EMERGENCY MEETING TO CONSIDER MOVING H.Q. FROM CAIRO

The Executive Board of the General Union of Palestine Students (GUPS) has called for an emergency meeting of its Administrative Council to consider the transfer of its headquarters from Cairo to Amman following harassment of GUPS offices and Palestinian students by Egyptian authorities.

The Union's Administrative Council will hold its extraordinary session in Amman in mid-September.

Cairo has served as the site of GUPS headquarters since the

foundation of the union eleven years ago in 1959.

GUPS has a total of 81 city branches and offices located in 23 countries.

The 25-seat Administrative Council assumes the functions and authorities of the union's highest organizational, legislative and policy-making body, namely the National Congress, during the latter's recess.

The nine-seat Executive Board, which is elected by the Administrative Council, constitutes the effective Union leadership and manages the daily work of the Union within the context of resolutions passed by both the National Congress and the Administrative Council.

A press release by the Executive Committee in mid-August said the harassment, arrest and deportation of Palestinian students and GUPS officers came in the wake of Cairo's acceptance of the submissive Rogers Plan.

The Council revealed that more than 150 Palestinian students had been deported from the U.A.R. in the past three weeks. It said GUPS correspondence was being censored or confiscated in Cairo and the Union's activities hindered.

More recently, the pre-

sident and vice president of the union were arrested in Cairo Airport on Aug. 4, for 16 and 22 hours respectively before they were allowed entry into the Egyptian capital and that U.A.R. officials and some of the U.A.R. embassy's were trying to undermine GUPS activities abroad.

The GUPS statement announced that deportation of Palestinian students from the UAR might double soon and expressed its regret that those deported had not been charged or tried.

Some of the depor-

ted students, GUPS said, are Gaza Palestinians who had come to study in Cairo with special permits from the International Red Cross and who have to go back to the strip through the Suez Canal before

their permits expired. One Palestinian student, it was disclosed had not yet recovered from a leg fracture when he was deported. Others had one month or a year left to graduate from U.A.R. universities.



Israel Seeks \$130 Million More Taxes

Defense Spending 67 Percent of Budget

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16 (UPI)—Israel's taxpayers were told today they must contribute more to their pockets because of increasing defense expenditures.

The Finance Ministry announced a new tax on gasoline, cigarettes, postage, telephone and wine. Israel is the second highest taxed country in the world, after Sweden.

The new levy, designed to raise some \$100 million (about \$130 million) in the present fiscal year, was formally approved by the government today, he added.

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir told a conference of local Jewish fund raising leaders last night that despite the present cease-fire arrangements, he could not yet say how much more would be spent on defense expenditures.

Armistice or Peace

"We can't, I'd like to say, if and when this cease-fire turns into an armistice, or God willing, into a permanent peace agreement," he added.

Mr. Sapir said Israel is spending 67 percent of its budget on defense.

"We consider that imports linked to the military would account for 63 percent of the country's deficit in the balance of payments in 1970. Defense cutbacks represent at 31 percent of the total imports," he added.

He illustrated the extent of increased military expenditures by noting that in 1969, 10 percent of the six-day war, Israel spent only 38 percent of its budget on defense. Mr. Sapir said that Israel would continue to import arms and aid from world Jewry "to sustain the country's economic development."

He outlined a five-year plan for economic expansion, which anticipated total investments of \$7 billion. This figure, he said, would have to come from outside sources.

This rate of investment was necessary, he said, to provide for the absorption of 260,000 new immigrants arriving over the next four years and to increase exports from the present \$1.4 billion to \$2.5 billion in 1975.

Bargain

GREECE FREES SEVEN PALESTINIANS

AMMAN—Seven Palestine commandos were freed from prison Aug. 13 by the Greek Government, which thus carried out its part of a bargain struck last month during seven hours of negotiations with six Palestinian Arabs who hijacked and held a Greek airliner at Athens Airport. They arrived in

Cairo aboard a chartered Red Cross aircraft, and were taken by airport and security officials to an undisclosed destination, where they rested before flying back to Amman.

The deported commandos are two Palestinians, three Lebanese (including one girl), and two Jordanians.

The two Palestinians were sentenced by Greek courts to 17 years five months, and 14 years three months' imprisonment respectively last March for machine-gunning an Israeli air liner.

The three Lebanese were each sentenced to two years' imprisonment last June for illegal possession of

arms after being arrested at Athens airport, allegedly planning to hijack an American airliner.

The two other commandos were sentenced to 18 years four months' imprisonment, and 11 years three months' respectively after hurling a grenade into the Israeli airlines offices in Athens.

Israeli Deficit Soars

JERUSALEM—Israel's foreign payments deficit on current account for this year is likely to reach \$1,250m. or \$150m. more than had been foreseen in the so-called national budget, it was reported in the Financial Times' Aug. 13.

The radio said Meir emphasized the need to raise additional funds to help with leaders of the Israel Emergency Appeal and the Development Loan Bonds Organization in Jerusalem a week ago.

The chairman of the bonds organization, Sam Rosenthal of the United States, disclosed that his organization has already raised a record \$50 million dollars in the first eight months of this year,

The radio added that

American Jewish leaders

had assured the Israeli prime minister that there were good chances of large increases in contributions,

which is con-

sidered the safety level.

Recently in Parliament, Dr. Zvi Dinstein, Deputy Finance Minister, said that in the years 1966-1970, Israel had acquired a cumulative foreign currency deficit of \$2,700 million, half of it through buying arms.

New ways of subsidizing exports are being studied by the Finance Ministry. The possibility of devolution in view of the fall of exports and foreign currency reserves is believed to be among the measures discussed.

Women Guerrillas in Action

COMMANDOS SHATTER CEASEFIRE AND US-SPONSORED PEACE FRAUD

While all was reported quiet along the Suez Canal on the first week of the Israeli-Egyptian truce, unabated commando attacks on three other fronts and within occupied territory shattered the ceasefire and highlighted Palestinian and Arab popular opposition to the US-sponsored peace fraud.

The Palestinian Revolution has made clear that it will not sit idly by while the Palestinian cause and rights are sold out.

Following is a rundown of Fateh's major operations during the period Aug. 4-18:

AUGUST 4: Fateh women revolutionaries participate for the first time in a commando raid on enemy positions in the Central Ghor inflicting heavy life and equipment losses in enemy ranks. Two guerrillas are killed and four wounded, including two women. Meanwhile, Fateh rockets and mortar shells whip Manara, Metulla and Misgav-Am settlements in Upper Galilee and Ashdot Ya'acov in the Jordan Valley. (An enemy spokesman said five soldiers were wounded by mortar fire in Metulla). In Gaza, four hand grenades are hurled shortly afternoon on a patrol. (The enemy spokesman confessed two casualties only.)

AUGUST 5: Fateh and Saeqa revolutionaries set two enemy tanks on fire on the slopes of Mount Hermon while an enemy vehicle hits a mine in the area. In Syria's occupied Golan, Fateh men destroy a troop carrier, silence an enemy post in the area and rocket El-Al and Nahal-Hagolan settlements. In Upper Galilee, a Fateh rocket attack on Misgav-Am destroys vital installations in the settlement. In the Jordan Valley, an enemy patrol is ambushed while Kefar Ruppin and Ashdot Ya'acov are mortared, the latter for a full hour. In the Gaza Strip, the railroad north of Khan Yunis and electric power installations in Deir el-Balah are blasted.

AUGUST 7: Enemy concentrations in the Jordan Valley near Ashdod Ya'acov and Beir Yosef are rocketted. Salvoes of Katyusha rockets also crash into the Sodom potash works on the southern shores of the Dead Sea.

In Upper Galilee, Fateh rockets and mortar shells crash into Sh'aar Hagoan, Hamita, Misgav-Am and Kiryat Shemona. On the Mediterranean seashore, Nahariyah town, north of Acre is also rocketed by Fateh commandos. Hand grenades are also hurled by Fateh men on enemy vehicles in Hebron, Nablus and the Gaza-Rafah road.

AUGUST 8: Fateh and other Palestinian freedom fighters launch massive commando attacks on first day of Egyptian-Israeli ceasefire. Following a Fateh rocket strike, fire breaks out at Lido, a former Dead Sea tourist resort. Meanwhile, Fateh units attack Khisfin settlement and enemy patrols in the occupied Golan. (Fateh monitoring posts hear reports indicating five enemy troops were killed and two wounded in the attack on Khisfin. The Israeli military spokesman conceded only three casualties in the Golan at-

attack). Kefar Ruppin settlement in the Jordan Valley and the villages of Misgav Am and Kefar Galadim in Upper Galilee come under fire. Two commandos are killed in clash with enemy armored patrol in Wadi Arava.

AUGUST 9: Fateh forces succeed in breaking through a cordon of Israeli reinforcements following a fierce 20 hour battle near Jericho in which the enemy used heavy guns, tanks and fighter planes. At least 22 casualties were inflicted on the enemy in the clash which featured a four hour hand-to-hand combat. Four troop carriers were destroyed in the battle. Fateh casualties were five dead. Enemy positions and camps in occupied Golan, south of the Dead Sea and Wadi Arava are raided. Meanwhile, salvos of Katyusha rockets whip Kefar Ruppin. Enemy attempt to retaliate through a three-hour air raid on Fateh positions in South Lebanon fails.

AUGUST 11: Seven commando organizations, including Fateh, mount joint three-hour attack on enemy troops and vehicles on slopes of Mount Hermon.

AUGUST 12: According to enemy spokesman, Palestinian commandos inflict their heaviest casualty toll in one day since the ceasefire began at midnight Aug. 7-8, killing five Israelis and wounding seven. The five were killed when their jeep struck a mine in the occupied Golan. Two were injured in occupied Gaza when a commando hurled a grenade at an Israeli patrol. Four enemy troops were also wounded, according to the Israeli spokesman, when their vehicle struck a mine near Ein Gedi by the Dead Sea in the Judean Desert. The seventh injury involved a border policeman wounded by small-arms fire in the Neve Ur area.

AUGUST 13: Fateh guerrillas lob mortars at Ashdot Ya'acov in northern Jordan Valley and Maoz Hayim in the Beisan Valley and raid enemy concentrations on slopes of Mount Hermon. Fateh operations in past 24 hours total 21.

AUGUST 15: Fateh commandos inflict heavy casualties and damage on occupation troops in nine operations on the slopes of Mount Hermon, the occupied Golan, the Jordan Valley and the Gaza Strip. Fateh explosives also rip entrance of Ritz Hotel in occupied Jerusalem. Our commandos also attack the Zionist Labor Office in Doura, in the Hebron area, setting it on fire.

AUGUST 17-18: Fateh revolutionaries raid Gesher kibbutz in the Jordan Valley, Ma'oz Hayim in the Beisan Valley and Khisfin in the Golan.



Revolution, Censor Are Irreconcilable

KHARTOUM- Palestinian commando organizations have decided to stop their broadcasts over Khartoum radio and television because of a decision that their program must first be submitted to censorship, it was reported here Aug. 16.

Abu Bakr Awadallah, deputy premier and acting national guidance minister, told the Khartoum news agency that censorship was aimed at "ensuring that the programs did not conflict with Sudan's acceptance of the latest U.S. Middle East proposals."

Zionist Professor Barred in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR- An Israeli/Zionist professor has been barred from taking part in the International Conference of Universities due to begin Aug. 24 at the University of Malaya.

The president of the University Academic Staff Association, Dr. V. Prakash, said Aug. 13 the decision was taken by the organizing Committee of the conference.

Dr. Prakash declined to disclose the professor's name, but

sources said it involved a mathematics professor.

The university of Malaya Language Society, had threatened to disrupt the conference if Israel was allowed to participate.

Deputy Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak is scheduled to open the conference which will discuss the role of universities in the changing Asian society.

Earlier in Lagos, an Israeli/Zionist journalist was expelled from the country.

NORWEGIAN YOUTH VOTE FOR DEMOCRATIC PALESTINE

The general assembly of the Oslo Chapter of AUF--the youth organization of the Norwegian Labor Party--has recently resolved to support the Palestinian liberation movement and its avowed objective to establish a democratic state in Palestine, where Jews,

Christians and Moslems will have equal rights and obligations.

The resolution passed with a convincing majority stated "The general assembly of the Oslo Chapter of AUF wants to express as its opinion that the only solution in the Middle East acceptable in the long

run is the establishment of a Palestinian state where Jews and Arabs are given equal and full democratic rights..."

The resolution repudiated Zionism's policy of territorial expansion, annexation, oppression and "torture as reported by Amnesty International."



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ZIONISTS KIDNAP ALGERIAN PAIR

TEL AVIV- Two top Algerian officials, including the Secretary General to the presidency, were detained by the Israeli authorities Aug. 14

when they arrived at Lydda International Airport in transit aboard a BOAC airliner enroute from the Far East to Europe.

The two were identified as Major Khatib Jelloul, secretary general at the Algerian Presidency, and Ali Belhazir, a leading industrialist.

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BONN GIVES ISRAEL \$ 35 M.

BONN- West Germany officially pronounced Aug. 12 a decision to give a \$35 million "economic" grant to Israel in 1970.

Between 1954 and 1964, West Germany officially pumped a total of \$1,611 million into the Zionist settler state including \$764 million as "reparation payments" and \$847 million as "payments for individual losses."

EXPULSION

LAGOS- Nigeria expelled August 11 an Israeli Zionist woman journalist, Dr. Tamar Golan, after giving her one hour's notice to leave.

Dr. Golan, who represents the Tel Aviv newspaper "Maariv", and the Israeli Broadcasting Corporation, arrived in Lagos August 4. She is based in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

PALESTINIAN SKETCHES:

Guerrilla

Dark, motionless, he stood
eyes fixed on barbed wire
swimming in distant lights.

Demanding, possessive, jealous,
your love, knows no mercy.
Your deserts, hot and barren,
sear our flesh. Our feet
sink in the Jordan's muddy traps.
Your fields, green and tender, drink
our blood. Your craggy mountains
scrap the skies,
stab innocent clouds, and mock
the yearning of ancient trees.
Valleys
echo our footsteps, embrace lost bones.
Faithless, changing ageless,
you take your terrible toll.

He turned, placed his
Kalashnikov on moist earth,
nodded to fighters telling tales of glory.
Hamad's eyes
sought his with a question.
"As legend I could never love her," He
answered.
"She lives."

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AUG. 27 IN AMMAN

World Liberation Movements to Attend National Congress Session at Wahdat

"Yehya Hammouda, Speaker of the Palestine National Congress, has convened the 112-seat congress to meet in an extraordinary session at the Wahdat Camp in Amman Aug. 27 to discuss the US-sponsored "political settlement" fraud.

Representatives of the Arab popular and national forces as well as of world liberation movements have also been invited to attend the congress session which is expected to back, with firm resolution, the refusal by the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization of the "Middle East Munich" betraying the interests of the Arab people and undermining the Palestinian people's armed struggle for national liberation.

It will be the first time the Congress has met in Amman. It has previously met in Gaza and Cairo. Amman's Wahdat camps is a strong hold of the Palestinian commandos.

The so-called American "peace" initiative has been accepted by Israel and several Arab regimes led by the UAR and Jordan.

Speaker Hammouda said the Congress would discuss "the serious phase through which the Palestine cause is going and measures and plans to be taken to foil any proposals for liquidation, notably the Rogers Plan."

Hammouda said the Palestinian people had persistently rejected UN Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967 because it disregarded the Palestine cause and viewed it only as one involving refugees rather than people with an inalienable right to self-determination in their native homeland.

He said the Congress would call on Palestinians to pursue the struggle resolutely until the whole of Palestine has been liberated and Zionist structures eliminated.

Word about the extraordinary congress session was first mentioned by a member of the Fateh leadership at the Wahdat camp.

Addressing a crowd about 10,000 on August 13, Abu Iyad rapped the political settlement fraud sponsored by US imperialism.

He criticized Russian pressure on the Palestinian and other Arab peoples to accept such a settlement but expressed appreciation for Soviet aid to Arab regimes.

He said he hoped the Soviet Union would remain "the loyal friend of peoples seeking liberation."

The Fateh leader paid tribute to Chinese aid to commando organizations and said: "We have received arms from China more than we have received from all the Arab countries."

He said China would continue to help the commandos.

The commando leader said most countries of the world and some Arab states "are not on our side..." but he added: "Our people will not surrender this time. Should the battle be imposed on us, the designers, whether big or small countries, must know that we are ready to die defending our inalienable rights... We shall not accept any Arab ruler signing peace with Israel."

Abu Iyad explained to the audience in simple words, and plain logic, that all Palestinian risings since 1936, were either allied or aborted by certain Arab governments, which did not, at the end, only fail to save Palestine, but also were failing in its liberation. He did not doubt the potentialities of the Arab people, but questioned the capabilities of the Arab leaders. He pointed out unequivocally that the Palestine Arab people could ill afford to see their existence effaced while staying idle.

The eight-point resolution, taken by the crowd of about 10,000 persons, who rallied to hear Abu Iyad is considered the forerunner of the resolutions of the forthcoming Congress session.

The eight points reaffirm the Palestine Arab determination to pursue the following course:

- (1) Continuation of the armed struggle until complete liberation;
- (2) Refusal and depreciation of all capitulationist solutions, and denunciation of all illusive attempts to belittle the Palestinian Revolution;
- (3) Resistance to all attempts to create a puppet Palestine state;

(4) Support the Central Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and put all manpower at its disposal, to participate and struggle and oppose anti-revolutionary elements and capitulationist solutions;

(5) Appeal to all Arab peoples to resist conspiracies against the Palestinian Revolution;

(6) Preservation of Palestinian national unity and crushing of all attempts to disperse its ranks;

(7) Denunciation of all anti-revolutionary attempts in the Arab countries, including Jordan and Lebanon;

(8) Appeal to the Jordan army to resist all attempts at using it as a lever against the Palestinian Revolution in order to give effect to the capitulationist solution.

Arab Nationals May Join Fateh Ranks

The Palestine National Liberation Movement, Fateh, called in early August on Arab nationals wishing to join its ranks to do so and take part in the armed struggle for national liberation.

Fateh offices have been instructed to accept volunteers and send them to training camps and fighting areas.

When a Cairo paper last year published a report that Fateh offices in Egypt would accept applications by those wishing to join the Palestinian Revolution, more than 70,000 applications were received within a few days.

Jordan Officer: 'We Are Not Cooperating With the Commandos'

IRBID - A Jordanian army officer surveying charred wreckage left in an army camp near here by Israeli bombing-- denied Jordan had given Israel cause for the attack.

He told reporters Aug. 15 that Jordanian troops were "not cooperating with Palestinian commandos" and had complied during the past week with the ceasefire which came into force at midnight last Aug. 7-8.

Pointing at ruined

barracks, shattered trees and craters in the camp grounds, he told Reuter's "From the military viewpoint, I can see no reason for this raid."

"The camp was abandoned after Israeli planes first raided it for the first time five weeks ago."

He added: "We have nothing to do with the commandos. Our forces have complied with the ceasefire during the past week and were not the first to violate it."



ISSAM SHAIEB AND MAHMUD FATHI (FIRST AND THIRD FROM LEFT) MAKE VICTORY SIGN ENROUTE TO ZIONIST COURT WHICH SENTENCED THEM TO DEATH



Two Palestine Youths Get Death Sentence

JERUSALEM- An Israeli military court in occupied Nablus sentenced to death Aug. 19 two Palestinian commandos on charges of murder and attacks on Israeli occupation troops.

This was the first time a capital sentence had been pronounced against captured commandos since the June 1967 war.

So far, captured

commandos were sentenced to life or assassinated on the spot or "accidentally."

The accused, members of Fateh commando group active in the Nablus area, were charged with the murder of three collaborators last year.

They were also charged with grenade attacks on military installations, the Is-

raeli military governor's residence and a local labor exchange.

Scores of witnesses were brought by the prosecution to testify against the accused who were identified by the area military command as Mahmoud Fathi, 19, and Issam Shaieb, 21.

The sentences must now be approved by the Israeli military governor of the occupied West Bank.

BRIEFS

A Voice of Palestine program from Damascus broadcast Aug. 19 Fateh code messages addressed to Fateh fighters within occupied territory.

Broadcasting of such messages began Tuesday night Aug. 18.

They used to be broadcast from Fateh Radio in Cairo until the Egyptian authorities stopped them last month because the radio criticized Egypt's acceptance of the so-called American peace plan.

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HAIFA- Rena Brejued, a 20-year-old Swiss national, who joined the Palestinian Revolution, is to be tried by a military court in Haifa for carrying out "sabotage duties" in Israel.

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JERUSALEM- The Zionist federation is to launch a national ap-

peal to plant a forest in the hills of Jerusalem to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Jewish National fund (JNF).

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BERNE- Switzerland has agreed to represent Israel's interests in Ceylon; a Swiss Foreign Ministry communiqué said here Aug. 19.

The representation is at the request of Israel and follows Ceylon's recent decision to sever diplomatic relations with the Zionist settler-state.

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TEL-AVIV- "Support for Israel was narrowing in the United States, even among the Jews" was the warning given by the Harvard Professors last week to the symposium of Zionist leaders and scholars at the Weizmann Institute at Rehovot, sponsored by the American "Jewish" Congress.

The warning was included in a joint presentation from Professor Henry Rosovsky, the chairman of Harvard's economic department, Professor Michael Walzer and Martin Perez, of the University's J.F.K. School of Government.

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UNITED NATIONS-Arab delegates here were reportedly by Reuter's Aug. 14 to be split over a proposal that political aspects of the Palestinian question be brought for the first time before the next General Assembly.

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Three Arabs from Birmingham were found "guilty" of using threatening behavior and fined at Marylebone court.

They were Nasser Ben Fadell, aged 29, and Ali Saleh, 25, who was fined sterilizing 5.

The charges arose from a demonstration in Trafalgar square in May organized by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

Zionists Prepare Gaza For 'Peace' Settlement

AMMAN-Israeli occupation authorities have forcibly evicted 150 Palestinian Arab families from their homes in Gaza to settle them in refugee camps in occupied territory.

The families were moved in Israeli military vehicles to a refugee camp in Jericho and another north of Jerusalem and to Atlit township, in the Tulkarm district.

A large number of families in the Gaza Strip, particularly in two refugee camps there, had been notified by the Israeli military governor of Gaza that they would be transferred also.

Israeli authorities

had prevented a large number of Palestinian farmers in the Kalandia area, north of Jerusalem, from working on their farms west of Jerusalem Airport.

Meanwhile, Christian communities in occupied Palestine cabled Pope Paul I denouncing Israeli shelling of the coptic monastery near Jericho Sunday (Aug. 1). "

The cable called on the Christian and Muslim world to "stand firm in the face of Zionism's racial fascism."

The communities also submitted a protest note over the incident to the Israeli government.

Action Committee

A number of Haifa Arabs whose movements are limited under the Emergency Regulations have formed an Action Committee to fight the restrictions and seek public support.

Their spokesmen include Sabri Jeryis,

19 ARE ARRESTED

AMMAN- Israeli occupation forces arrested Aug. 6 at least 19 Palestinian Arabs suspected of cooperating with resistance fighters in a wide search of the town of Birch north of Jerusalem.

The Zionists authorities also canceled permits given to the inhabitants of the town to visit relatives on the east bank of the River Jordan.

Meanwhile Israeli troops in occupied Jerusalem completed the forcible eviction of all Palestine Arab inhabitants of the Jewish quarter and pulled down their homes in order to set up buildings for new Zionist settlers.

a former member of the outlawed El-Ard organization and author of "The Arabs in Israel," and Zaki Jarkabi, a member of the Central Committee of the New Communist List.

They said they are confined to their homes from sunset to sunrise as well as requiring a permit to travel outside the city and that the (Zionist) Government wanted to oppress the Palestinian Arabs.

17 ARE DEPORTED

AMMAN- Seventeen Palestinians were deported by Israeli occupation troops to Jordan during the first week of August.

Six were deported Aug. 4 through Allemby Bridge for having allegedly "infiltrated" back to their homes in occupied territory. They included one woman.

The remaining eleven were "hauled" Aug. 6 to Jordan near Safi, south of the Dead Sea, after being charged with resistance to occupation.

'I Belong to No Nation, But Damn You All, I Belong to a People'

By F. Turki

Mur. Turki, the writer of this article, is a young Palestinian who studied and taught at universities in Australia. He is now living in the Netherlands.

WE ARE sufficiently used by now to the news of continuous mayhem and fierce passions from the Middle East and the emergence over the last three years of the Palestinian guerrillas and people as a new entity to be reckoned with before a solution is sought and peace achieved, the world is suddenly reminded of the Arab-Israeli antagonism and a great irony about the Arab-Israeli conflict: that the present state of tension stems exclusively from the refugee 22 years ago. But up till 1967, the world chose to forget that the problem had to do with the people that were the ones whose lives were most devastatingly affected by it and to whom offers for solutions had been addressed, not to the Syrians, the Egyptians and other Arabs. These latter had lost their homes in their territories, their dignity and been forced to live in refugee camps in abject poverty far from home (as far as a few yards) away from their towns, villages, orchards and all the intangible results they once enjoyed.

To what the question of or need for peace in the Middle East was raised, it was to Nease

Having lived as a stateless person for nearly all of my 26 years, I have had the misfortune to come out of my ears and engulfed my very being, at times with lunatic extremes of rage and depression, and at others with frustrated resignation.

I belong to "no nation, but damn you all, I belong to a people": a versatile and ingenious people who have the highest academic qualifications and who have \$4,000 university graduates, who are on the faculties of all the major universities in the world; who are in the most sensitive positions in technology and the arts from Beirut to Dhahran and from Sanaa to Amman; who have the ability to get a job." Fimpily-faced employer to Palestinian? "To get a job here you need a work permit," he says, smirking at his monkey: "Show the audience how a Palestinian picks up his UN passport."

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For a people who have lived in refugee camps for over twenty years, that is a remarkable accomplishment; not less an accomplishment, at any rate, than the Israeli's purported conversion to Jesus Christ.

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The Jewish dream (the return to Palestine and Jerusalem) does not surely have to be synonymous with the Zionist dream of the Diaspora. It can be perpetuated with the repatriation of the refugees without loss to the identity and character of the Jews and without loss to their community. The latter is anathema to us. In a sense, we are now the Jewish people scattered all over the world, far from our roots of our own, and vow never to forget the Jerusalem, either. For twenty years or more, we have adamantly refused to be integrated in our

host countries, accept houses and monetary compensation offered by the UN and suffered the most degrading forms of persecution (bureaucratic clerk at Ministry of Interior in Beirut to Palestinian). We did not need to get a job." Fimpily-faced employer to Palestinian? "To get a job here you need a work permit," he says, smirking at his monkey: "Show the audience how a Palestinian picks up his UN passport."

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but we will still shout "Shame! But stupid act!", but let us not hear a similar interjection from those Israelis who were once members of the Haganah (their attack on Yarmouk, among other villages, in 1948, is already in the history books).

The Israeli government has often refused to concede that we existed, that we breathed and yearned for our homes and dignity, that we suffered and died, that we could not be subjected to an indefinite reliance on the Arab states and that now, three years after the war, we are still breathing but doing well and no longer sitting under a tree waiting for our freedom.

Reverting to the simplistic logic of my late father—how long can the Israeli hope to sustain economic prosperity eternally perpetually poised for war, inside the walls of fortresses established by means of tanks, planes, and continue to defy heavens' will history?

Our own record of persecution against the Jews prior to the formation of Zionism is clean. Our traditions lack any overt tendency to discriminate against the Jew. That is, from prejudice of race or color. In fact at the first stages of the influx of Jewish immigrants into Spain there was a kind of sympathy shown by Arabs toward the Jews; and even in the thirties and well into the forties, the British people had the right of the British people to take from the Palestinian people and give to the Jewish people. The British people managed to live side by side despite harassments and acts of terrorism.

We did not gas them in Germany, expel them from Spain, persecute them in Eastern Europe or mistreat them in Russia. As their appointed enemies to the west of Sinaid did in June, 1967, threaten to drive them into the sea and drown them. Our culture is one of the most heinous of crimes. Witness the shooting of two men by el-Fatah for raising an American flag in Amman during the recent eruption in Jordan.

But the Western world, in a hurry to rid its mind of the

abominable deeds it committed against the Jews and the tragedy of the concentration camps, opted to turn a blind eye to the beginning of the exodus fleeing into the surrounding countries in 1948 and persisted from then on to ignore historical reality to the point as viewed from the Israeli standpoint.

They could see only the image of Israel created by Zionist propaganda, where people lived the romance of the Kibbutz and the watch on the frontier. In a land where there was no water and the UNRWA rations stored in the larder, there was always enough to eat for at least a week. And because there were daily rations of milk that you dipped big chunks of bread into, or onion sandwiches. The descendants of the descendants of the world would make sure though that the supply of flour did not deplete before the new rations arrived, for one would be out of existence and dissolution.

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We grew up with *Fataleens* on Palestine in our heads; with the knowledge that we were different; that we wanted to remain different. In fact we could not enjoy the same privileges as the others because we were aliens: that we should queue up to buy our tickets in the UNRWA depots for our ration; that we could not afford to lose our ID cards; that the police did not know us and that we had to prove who we are if you ever heard the one about the Palestinian who . . . And above all, you go to school, and your parents go to work, and your sons or daughters to universities. They were different culturally and socially but in those

"We merely want to go back to our homeland."

days of emotional crisis the placement of concerns was on education and the song *Fataleens* on Palestine (Palestine, Palestine).

At home we would cease great concern if we talked about dropping out of school or not going to college, or affected a Lebanese or other accent. "How do you hope to get anywhere without a degree, boy?" or

"What's wrong with the Palestinian people anyway, hey, you're too good for us or something?" There are just many Jewish mothers on our side, you see, and on theirs.

We also had our characters straight from Malraux's "The Fixe," forever bounded by the policies for ID cards, employment

cards, UNRWA cards and other badges to display to them our state of disgrace and torment.

And to the world of course we were the ones who when they bothered to write or read about us, we were the half-starved, wild-eyed littoral. *Il d o u i n* the name of the place we lived in ghetto. The tragedy of it is that the image we presented to the world in the fifties was probably the best we could have had. If starved and, if not wild-eyed, at least among the elderly, glazed. One was happy when the sun was out, the other when it was not, for the UNRWA rations stored in the larder, there was always enough to eat for at least a week. And because there were

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A great many of us left the camp after the disastrous days of the fifties and rented comfortable apartments in the ghettos and waited out nearly all the decade of the sixties, buoyed and sustained by memories of the days in the Arab capitals about liberation of "usurped Palestine."

Now we are on the scene, and determined—to fight, to talk, to reason, to listen.

We merely want to go back to our homeland. We do not want a hodge-podge Palestine state carved out of the West Bank, nor do we want an absurd puppet state subservient to anyone.

I say we merely want to go back to our homeland. We do not want my father never made it. Maybe I won't make it either and my son will. But if he does not, I feel sure he will make the same pledge: Never to forget Palestine.

The Struggle



Goes On...

ARAB STUDENTS IN U.S. CONDEMN ARAB LEADERS WHO ENDORSE ROGERS PLAN

To: The Central Committee of the Palestinian Resistance Movement, Amman, Jordan.

From: The Arab Students of California

The real conflict in the Middle East is between the Palestinians who have been forcibly uprooted from their fatherland and the Zionists who displaced them and established in Palestine a racist settler state. The latest stage of the Palestinian revolution was launched in 1965 to rid Palestine from such a system and to establish a Palestinian democratic non-sectarian state free from racial or religious prejudices.

Ever since the following attempts have been made to destroy the Palestinian revolution:

November, 1968:	Jordan
April, 1968:	Lebanon
October, 1969:	Lebanon
February, 1970:	Jordan
March, 1970:	Lebanon
June, 1970:	Jordan
July, 1970:	Jordan, Egypt

All these attempts except for the last one have been made in covert complicity with the Western imperialist powers, which are the traditional supporters of all settler states in the Third World (e.g. Rhodesia, South Africa, Israel). The last attempt was made in overt complicity with the same powers which produced the so-called U.S. Peace Proposal.

The U.S. Peace Proposal is designed to make a deal with some Arab governments in exchange for the liquidation of the Palestinian revolution. The cease fire is but a means to silence the Egyptian and Jordanian guns in order for the Israelis to devote all their time to carry a genocide move against the Palestinian freedom fighters. In this way, Israel will give only a part of the occupied Arab land in exchange for the total cultural, national and humane annihilation of the Palestinian People. This last development shows that the Western imperialist powers have succeeded in blackmailing some of the Arab governments into accepting the total destruction of the Palestinians.

The Arab students in the undersigned colleges and universities consider the human rights of the Palestinian People to their nationhood and homeland non-negotiable. We thus reject the so-called American Peace Proposal on the grounds that it negates these very rights. We condemn each and every Arab leader who accepts such a plan. We finally express our full support of the Palestinian Revolution.

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Guns, All Guns Toward The Enemy



To: The Central Committee of the Palestinian Resistance Movement, Amman, Jordan.
From: The Arab Students in the Boston area, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
(Address: P Box 29, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, U.S.A.)

As a follow up to the cable we had previously sent in the wake of our meeting of Friday July 31 to discuss the situation in our Arab homeland resulting from the acceptance of the American Plan by some Arab governments and organizations, we totally reject this plot aimed at the liquidation of the Palestinian Resistance Movement.

As we reiterate our full support to your rejection of this submissive attempt and hail the attitude of some Arab governments and organizations that stood by your side, we condemn those Arab governments and organizations who sponsored the American Plan. We believe that the Palestine Resistance Movement is the legitimate and only representative of the Palestinian people who have the right to liberate its homeland from Zionist occupation.

All arbitrary measures taken by some Arab governments to crack down on the Palestinian Resistance Movement after accusing it of being "irresponsible" clearly demonstrate the intention of these governments to implement the surrender plan.

We are confident that such attempts are going to fail before your steadfastness just like they had failed before...

We are also confident that the continued refusal of these regimes to arm and mobilize our Arab masses constitutes the beginning of submission to the American plot. Any claim that the "peaceful solution" will help achieve new gains to the Arab nation" is aimed at misleading the masses and at isolating them from participating in liberating themselves and in struggling against imperialism and Zionism.

Arab Students in the Boston Area, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

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